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San Bernardino County Department of Public Health **Announces Award to Expand Hesperia Health Center**

San Bernardino: The County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health has received a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant to expand the Hesperia Health Center.

HRSA awarded the Department of Public Health \$4,897,415 through the Service Area Competitive funding to expand the Hesperia Health Center by approximately 5,800 square feet. The expansion will include six additional examination rooms, an ADA compliant special procedures room, five nursing triage bays, radiology capabilities, dental services, and expansion of the existing on-site laboratory, a mental health consultation room, conference room, classroom space, and additional equipment.

"This proposed project is designed to ensure a long-term infrastructure for the provision of care for residents of the High Desert communities in an accessible and cost effective manner while maintaining high quality service," stated Meaghan Ellis, Chief of Nursing/Health Center Director. "The expansion will meet future capacity needs seen by an increase in patient visits."

Once the expansion is completed, the Hesperia Health Center will provide an array of primary care, mental health, and dental services. County residents will be able to access a range of healthcare services including health screenings, referral services, management of acute and chronic diseases, and preventive health education.

"The funding will allow the County to expand preventive primary care services for High Desert residents," stated First District Supervisor, Brad Mitzelfelt. "To receive a highlycompetitive, national grant validates the ongoing efforts and commitment from the County to strengthen the health care system for the region."

The Hesperia Health Center currently provides other services, including: Women, Infant, and Children (WIC), Ryan White HIV care, Every Woman Counts, reproductive health services, immunizations, and primary care.

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The Department will continue evaluating its service delivery systems to ensure current and future healthcare needs of the community are provided efficiently and cost effectively.

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